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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bellingham, WA, July 26, 2017: Pursuant to RCW 36.69 and 29A.24, a special three-day filing period will be held from Wednesday, August 2 - Friday, August 4, for five commissioner positions of the proposed Lummi Island Park & Recreation District. Candidates run for specific commissioner positions: Position 1, Position 2, Position 3, Position 4, and Position 5.

The formation of the park and recreation district, pursuant to RCW 36.69, will go before voters on the November 7 General Election ballot. The proposed district encompasses all of Lummi Island. The election of five commissioners will occur at the same time. If the park district is approved, the person who receives the greatest number of votes for each commission position shall be elected to that position. The three persons who are elected receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to four-year terms of office. The other two persons who are elected shall be elected to two-year terms of office. The initial commissioners shall take office immediately upon being elected and qualified, but the length of such terms shall be computed from the first day of January in the year following the election.

If voters do not approve the formation of the park district, the election of the five commissioners will be null and void.

Declarations of Candidacy can be filed:

- Online: www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor
Online filing will open at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 2, and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 4
- In person: Whatcom County Auditor's Office, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham. Wednesday, August 2 – Friday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Fax: (360) 778-5101
- Email: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
- Mail: Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA 98225

Declarations of Candidacy must be received in the Auditor's Office no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2017. Declarations of Candidacy received after the deadline are invalid and will be returned to the applicant.

For additional information contact: County Auditor Debbie Adelstein at (360) 778-5105 or Chief Deputy Auditor Diana Bradrick at (360) 778-5130

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